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February 26, 2009

The Honorable Frank A. LoBiondo
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

On behalf of A Child Is Missing, I am writing to request your support for \$350,000 in the fiscal year 2009 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill to assist New Jersey law enforcement agencies locate missing children and elderly adults.

A Child Is Missing (ACIM) is a not-for-profit organization that assists law enforcement agencies across the country, including all law enforcement agencies in the New Jersey and New Jersey's 2nd Congressional District, in the first few hours a child elderly adult (often with Alzheimer's disease) or disabled person is reported missing. The program is available (free of charge) to all New Jersey law enforcement agencies. Nationwide, ACIM has been credited by law enforcement agencies with more than 450 successful recoveries.

A Child Is Missing fills the void of the minutes immediately after a child is reported missing to law enforcement agencies and when an Amber Alert, which is activated only in cases of abduction, can be issued. ACIM has a sophisticated satellite mapping technology program and an advanced, telephony computer system that can place 1,000 emergency telephone calls every 60 seconds to residents and businesses in the area where the missing child/elderly adult was last seen. ACIM assists in all missing cases whether they involve abduction, children who are lost, wander or run away, the elderly (Alzheimer's), and mentally and physically challenged individuals.

ACIM works in concert with the Amber Alert and all child safety programs, as well as with the Silver Alert. ACIM is the only program of its kind in the country. ACIM can be accessed from anywhere in the United States, and is available to law enforcement 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. ACIM services are provided free of charge to law enforcement and helps them save lives.

The request will help us assist all the law enforcement agencies in New Jersey find missing children and elderly adults. The program will help save lives and reduce the time associated with finding missing individuals. The program also saves law enforcement money because missing children and the elderly cases can be very expensive. ACIM's services are provided free of charge to law enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me if you have additional questions about A Child Is Missing.

Sincerely,

Sherry Friedlander
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Founder and Chief Executive Officer

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